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LOK SABHA

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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pertaining to cruelty to animals registered across the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of people prosecuted for causing cruelty to animals during the said period;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the Animal Welfare Board has failed to provide protection to the animals;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to make the Board more powerful so as to provide protection to the animals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & b) The number of cases pertaining to cruelty to animals registered and people prosecuted for causing cruelty to animals across the country during the last three years are as follows:

Item	Year		
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Cases Registered	19345	35860	24242
People Prosecuted	734	572	312

(c) & d) The Animal Welfare Board of India is actively engaged in performance of regulatory, promotional, developmental and advisory obligations assigned to it under the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and Rules thereunder. The activities performed by the Board largely comprise providing for shelters, rescue homes, animal sanctuaries, water troughs, veterinary assistance, promoting and assisting Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Animal Welfare Organizations, and creating awareness for animal welfare.

(e) The implementation of all promotional schemes like Provision of Shelter Houses for Looking after the Animals, Provision of Ambulance Services to Animals In Distress, Scheme for Sterilization and Immunization of Stray Dogs, and Scheme for Relief to Animals during Natural Calamities & Unforeseen Circumstances has also been recently entrusted to the Board with a view to enhancing its effectiveness in grant of protection to animals.